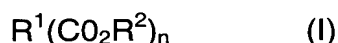


Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) A dry cleaning medium based on liquid CO₂ and including from 0.01 to 5% by weight of the cleaning medium of a cleaning additive which is at least one C₆ to C₂₄ hydrocarbyl ester of a multi-carboxylic acid.

2. (Original) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in claim 1 wherein the hydrocarbyl ester of a multi-carboxylic acid includes at least one compound of the formula (I):



where

R¹ is the residue of a C₁ to C₁₀ hydrocarbyl group from which n hydrogen atoms have been removed; and

R² is a C₆ to C₂₄ hydrocarbyl group; and

n is from 2 to 5.

3. (Original) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in claim 2 wherein R² is a C₈ to C₂₀ alkyl group.

4. (Original) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in claim 3 wherein R² is a C₁₂ to C₁₈ alkyl group.

5. (Currently amended) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein the ester is an ester of adipic acid or a mixture containing such an ester.

6. (Currently amended) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the average molecular weight of the ester(s) is from 300 to 750.
7. (Original) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in claim 6 wherein the average the average molecular weight of the ester(s) is from 350 to 700.
8. (Currently amended) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 wherein the amount of cleaning additive ester present in the cleaning medium is from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight of the cleaning medium.
9. (Currently amended) A dry cleaning formulation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 which additionally includes at least one fragrance, optical brightener, fabric conditioner, enzyme and/or bleach.
10. (Original) A method of dry cleaning which includes contacting textile material with a detergent free dry cleaning medium based on liquid CO₂ and including from 0.01 to 5% by weight of the cleaning medium of a cleaning additive which is at least one C₆ to C₂₄ hydrocarbyl ester of a multi-carboxylic acid.
11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the multi-ester includes at least one compound of the formula (I): $R^1(CO_2R^2)_n$ where X, R¹, R² and n are as defined in claim 2.
12. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein R² is a C₈ to C₂₀ alkyl group.
13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein R² is a C₁₂ to C₁₈ alkyl group.

14. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10 wherein the ester is an ester of adipic acid or a mixture containing such an ester.

15. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10 wherein the average molecular weight of the multi-ester (s) is from 300 to 750.

16. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 10 to 15~~ claim 10 wherein the amount of cleaning additive multi-ester present in the cleaning medium is from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight of the cleaning medium.

17. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 10 to 16~~ claim 10 in which the cleaning medium additionally includes at least one fragrance, optical brightener, fabric conditioner, enzyme and/or bleach.

18. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 10 to 17~~ claim 10 wherein the cleaning process is carried out at a temperature of from -5 to 25°C.

19. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the temperature is from 10 to 25°C.

20. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the temperature is from 20 to 25°C.